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March 3, 1980

Gary Mangiacopra  
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Dear Gary,

Once again, thank you for the many articles you sent for our files. We are most grateful for your sharing your research efforts with us.

By the way, about two-thirds of one end of the mailing envelope was untaped and torn wide open. It does not appear that any of the folded articles could have fallen out but any small clippings would surely have been able to fall out.

Please let me know if there is any research I can do for you.

Sincerely,

*Bob Warth*

Robert C. Warth  
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January 20, 1976

Mr. Gary S. Mangiacopra  
7 Arlmont Street  
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Dear Mr. Mangiacopra:

Your excellent article about the entombed turtle has been reviewed and accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of Pursuit. The photograph will be returned to you as soon as possible.

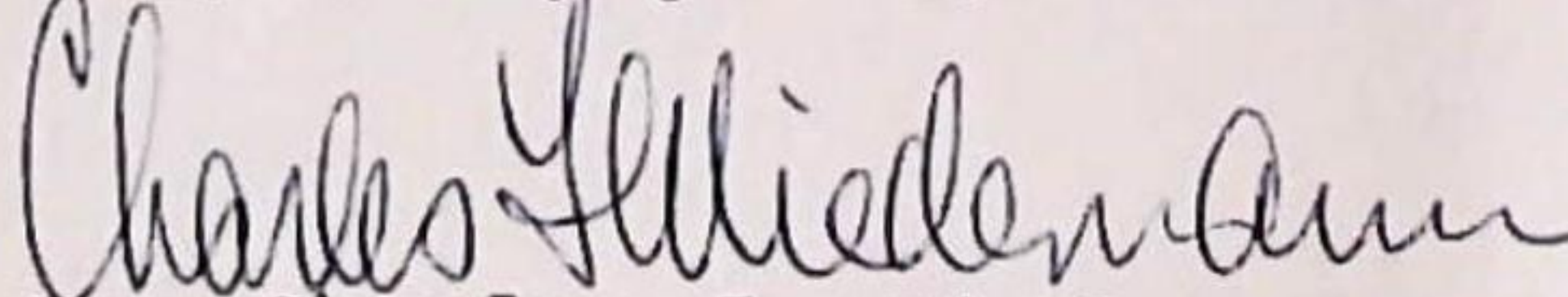
Your research work, and the efforts you must put into it, impresses me. It is really fantastic! You are to be commended for your obvious dedication to delving into the evidence, both in this article and in the "Octopus" article which, of course, required an absolutely tremendous amount of work on your part. All students of Forteanism are indebted to you.

We would like to prepare a short article for SITU members, giving some basic hints and tips on how to go about researching something, such as the entombed turtle. I would like your permission to use your efforts as an example of "how to do it". The article I have in mind would briefly highlight the various steps taken in researching the turtle phenomenon: (1.) You read a short article in a local newspaper, (2.) You write to the paper, (3.) You get information about how to obtain the photo, and the name of the Texas newspaper, (4.) You write to the Texas newspaper, enclosing a check for the photo, (5.) You get back information, (6.) You write to the reptile man at the zoo, (7.) You compile all the evidence you have collected and (8.) You write the article and submit it to SITU for Pursuit. (Note: this list is not the article I have in mind . . . the actual article would enlarge on the steps taken, but I have listed them here to inform you of approximately what would be mentioned in the article.)

I am not asking you to write such an article; I am merely asking for your permission to publish such an article using Gary S. Mangiacopra as the example of a man who knows how to do it! (We would mention your name, but not your address.)

Again, the "Turtle" article is definitely accepted for publication. It will not be in the January issue, but probably will appear in the April issue.

Very truly yours,

  
Dr. Charles L. Wiedemann



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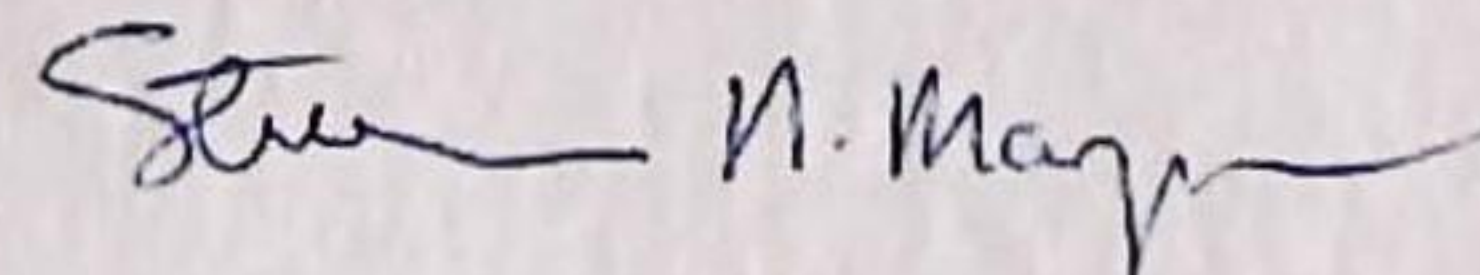
Enclosed please find two (2) copies of PURSUIT (Volume 11, Number 3), in which your article, "The Randazza (Not a) Sea Serpent Sighting," appears.

We would like to take this moment to thank you for your contribution. As you know, one of SITU's functions is to expose hoaxes.

Please feel free to submit other articles you feel are suitable for PURSUIT to our editorial office for consideration.

Thanks again!

Very truly yours,  
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Steven N. Mayne

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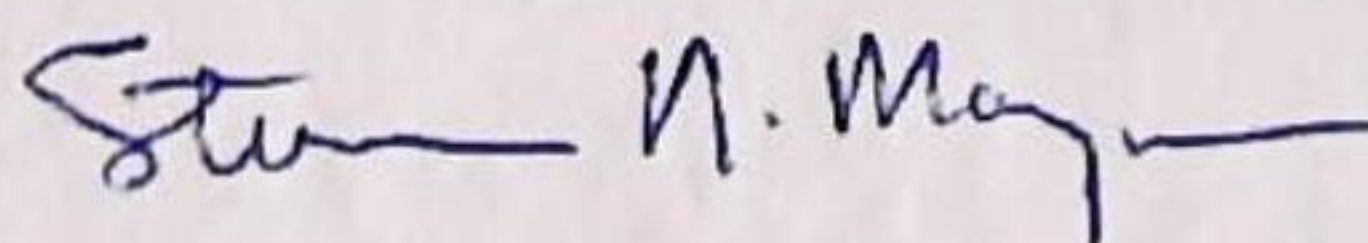
Thanks for the manuscript "Water Monsters of the Western Lakes." We will get back in touch with you as soon as we have time to read the many manuscripts and mail that have accumulated during our absence.

Marty Wolf and I came across some interesting new mutilation findings on our sojourn across the western U.S. Serious new investigators are turning up some very interesting possibilities. We hope to get something written up on it all and published in PURSUIT, if we can ever find the time!

I trust you received your two copies of PURSUIT (this new ribbon does not like capitals) I mailed you from California. (one never really knows what happens to lost mail).

Keep us posted on latest happenings in your neck of the world.

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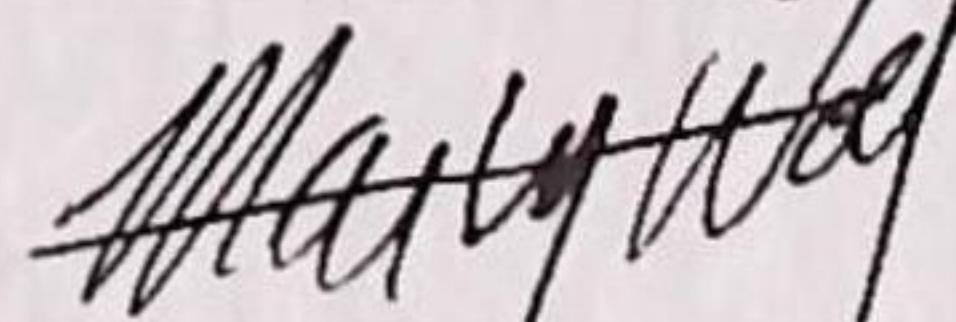
Enclosed please find the edited version of your article, THE RANDAZZA (NOT A) SEA SERPENT SIGHTING, which I am sending along for your approval. Please check to make sure I have not misquoted your sources, etc. If it looks OK to you, then let me know and we'll print it as is.

Also, in your letter of February 16, you ask me if we would like to see a photograph which you took in September, 1969 showing a chandelier and some side lights with streaks of light.

Although we would like to see it, we are going to be printing the update to the story. Many members responded to the photo we printed, and some of these explanations will be printed -- there is a good explanation for it (having to do with shutter speed and malfunctioning cameras, etc.). A couple of members have also sent in photos showing the same effect. If we have space, we may try to print one or two of these also....so if you want to send me your photo, do so. Maybe we will print that one, too. But send it soon (along with your article OK -- if you do send it, tell me if it's all right to print your name as a contributor).

Thanks also for offering to prepare a piece on the monthly-yearly cycles of sea serpents along the New England coastal region. There is a good chance also that we will be getting in some data on the Lake Champlain Monster also, so maybe we'll run them in the same issue. Keep me advised as to your progress.

Kindest regards,



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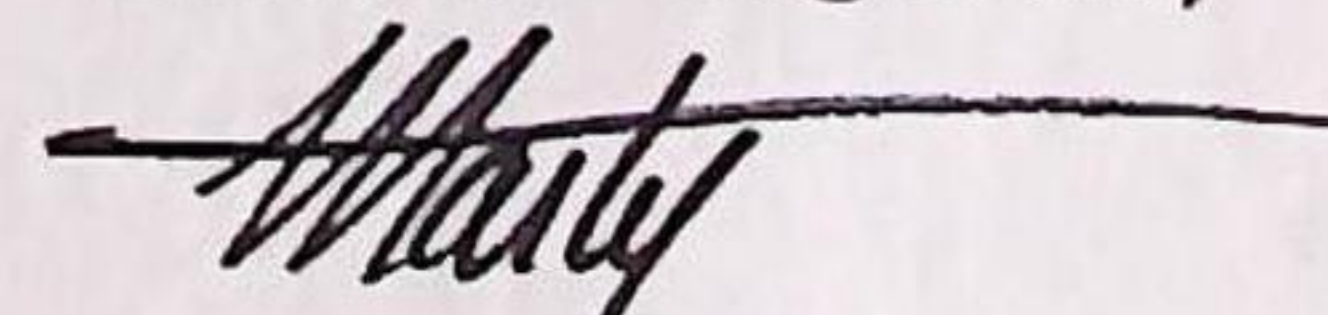
Thanks for your letter of 7 April. Sorry to be so long in getting back to you but I've been awfully busy trying to get PURSUIT together. The Spring issue just got back from the printers not too long ago (you should be getting it shortly), and now the Summer issue is in the works already. Although I would love to see PURSUIT come out monthly, I can easily understand why that's an impossible concept (for now anyway). I did manage to clarify the Testaverde statements with an "author's note" by the way.... (that article will appear in the Summer PURSUIT).

I'm very pleased to hear that CYCLES is interested in your monthly/yearly sea serpent material. They are, indeed, a prestigious publication, and you have our best wishes for success in publishing with them.

In the meantime, I have looked over PART II of your Lake Champlain article. You mentioned, in your letter, that you had just received an advance copy of PART I. From whom did you receive the advance copy? Is it being considered for publication or being published elsewhere? Please clarify for me, as what I have read of PART II looks pretty suitable for PURSUIT, provided there is, of course, a PART I, and also that neither part has been printed elsewhere. Let me know before I start editing with publication in mind....aside from that, the ultimate and final debunking article on the Carson City Nevada footprints looks interesting. Either that or a combination article on Lake Champlain/monthly-yearly cycles/zeguldun theory....

Let me know your feelings, and send along Part I if you have a copy....

Kindest regards,

  
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Dear Gary,

I'm enclosing for your perusal and approval a copy of the re-typed, edited version of your article, "Water Monsters of the Western Lakes," which I have re-titled "Water Monsters of the Midwestern Lakes" (since those lakes cited are technically midwestern).

You need not return the copy unless there are corrections, but I will need to have the (signed) permission form back so that we can include your article in PURSUIT.

Also, I need a clarification from you. On page 21, line 3, you had "their snake ships." I presume this is a play on words on the part of the reporter who put the story together: similar to "His Lordship." If that is the case, however, it seems to me the words should either be capitalized or perhaps the words "snake ships" should have been run together, i.e., "snakeships." Can you check the original and let me know the proper form used?

The only other (slight) change I have made was to add a line to your text: on page 7, last paragraph above "III. THE LAKE GENEVA MONSTER," I mention that the "presence" of the reptile (referring to the Muskegon, Michigan, Lake Michigan monster), ~~was~~ followed closely by an unusual auroral display, may well deserve further investigation. Since this may misrepresent your feelings, I prefer to have you O.K. the statement.

Thanks for a good article. Please sign and return the permission form as soon as possible for our records and let me know your feelings about the article revision also so that I can shoot it off to the type-setter.

Kindest regards,



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HERE are some of the hundreds of subjects in our files. We collect data on all of them and investigate reports when possible. Nearly everyone has heard something about Bigfoot. Atlantis. Loch Ness "monsters" and UFOs. but there is much more to the study of unexplaineds.

● **"Bigfoot"** — Reported as huge, manlike creatures, world-wide in legend for centuries, variously described as either a real or paranormal phenomenon. (On this continent, for instance, native American Indian tribes apparently knew and named them.)

Bigfoot reports still come in to us regularly from coast to coast. But so do reports on other animals or animal-forms which defy explanation. Phantom pumas, panthers, kangaroos and a number of other species have been observed — but never captured.

We also collect reports of living frogs and toads found entombed in rock ... metal chains of unknown origin embedded in rock ... manufactured objects found in chunks of coal ... creatures living at great depths within the earth, and 'bottomless' stairs going deep underground ... giant, red-haired mummies ... the 'Jersey Devil' ... footprints (both animal and human like) in rock ... transformation from human to other animal forms ... and many more.

● **"Nessie"** — The 'Loch Ness Monster', perhaps one of a number of aquatic animals or para-animals living in Loch Ness in Scotland, first reported in the 6th century, now the subject of intensive watch and investigation for several years.

Other "Nessie-type" creatures, however, are supposed to inhabit many other freshwater lakes in Scotland, Ireland, the U.S.A. and Canada, etc. Reports of these creatures, too, have continued for centuries.

We also gather information concerning: giant eels, squid and octopus reports ... "sea monsters", from Alaska to Tasmania ... giant spoked, phosphorescent, submarine "lightwheels" ... phantom ships ... strange disappearances at sea ... new, unidentified, and "extinct" sea creatures ... bottomless lakes; and "sinkholes" in the oceans ... polywater ... lakes which refuse to freeze ... Admiral Byrd's curious polar expeditions ... USOs (unidentified submarine objects) ... migration and homing instincts ... unusual ocean storms and giant waves ... lake levels that rise or fall unexpectedly ... subsurface rivers, lakes and seas ... life at great aquatic depths.

● **Atlantis** — In legend, an inhabited land-mass destroyed by earthquakes thousands of years ago, located somewhere in the mid-Atlantic Ocean or perhaps in the Mediterranean Sea.

But large, walled structures and paved roads have been discovered off the east coast of North America. More recently, a massive, pyramid-shaped structure was allegedly discovered in the area of the Caribbean Sea near or in the "Bermuda Triangle," one of possibly 12 such "vortices" located equidistantly around the globe.

We also collect data on: the Nazca lines (and figures) in Peru ... Stonehenge, and the Ley system of related megalithic monuments in the British Isles ... pyramids in Egypt, the 'New' World, China, etc. ... ancient flying vehicles ... the levitation of massive objects ... the Piri Re's map (an early view of landmasses mapped before modern flight) ... ancient scientific technologies ... pre-historic walls and tunnels, and art in caves ... "Noah's Ark" allegedly discovered on Mt. Ararat ... a centuries-old, rustless, iron pillar in India ... 1000-year-old "airplane" models found in Colombia ... crystal skulls and other crystal objects ... 'medicine wheels' and 'burial mounds' in America.

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● **UFOs** — Unidentified Flying Objects, thought by some to be intelligently controlled vehicles used for transporting inhabitants of other worlds to our own in order to view (and perhaps manipulate) human activity. Although some would deny the existence of UFOs, others would declare them hallucinations or unidentified natural phenomena. Whether UFOs represent omens of the ultimate destruction of this planet or simply new, still-secret weapons built here on earth, their definition nevertheless continues to constitute a major mystery of our time.

For centuries, however, small objects of both natural as well as manufactured origin have been falling from the sky. Giant, winged creatures, larger than any known birds, have been reported from various areas of the world. The American Indian called such creatures 'thunderbirds.' Strange airships, too, were witnessed across the United States just before the turn of this century, yet no one seems to know their purpose, their origin, their destiny or, indeed, if they were even real.

We also collect reports of: unusual atmospheric events, such as ball lightning ... falls of large chunks of ice from the sky ... mirages ... unnatural darkneses ... the (1816) summerless year ... the Tunguska explosion in Siberia (1908) — recently theorized as being a nuclear spaceship accident ... rainmaking ... astroblemes ... tektites ... the 'star map' witnessed by alleged UFO abductee Betty Hill ... MIBs (Men in Black) who have mysteriously appeared and/or disappeared after UFO sightings and landings ... unexplained lunar phenomena ... time travel and the fourth dimension.

● **The Human Mind** — Possibly the most significant unexplained in each of our lives, may indeed potentially hold the answer to many of the riddles presently eluding our understanding.

Each encounter between individuals involves a comparison of experience and capabilities. Abnormal and subnormal states of mind are, therefore, particularly curious and significant to us.

Our interests include: ESP (extra sensory perception) ... pre- and post-cognition ... genius...

the 'idiot savant' ... psychokinesis ... dowsing (radiesthesia) ... biomagnetics ... biorhythms ... voluntary and involuntary mind-control, i.e. hypnosis, fire-walking, faith-healing, "blind sight" ... religious ecstasy ... reactions following alleged "extra-terrestrial" contact.

● And, if these are not enough, a few more of the many varied subjects of interest to us are: telepathy and teleportation ... ghosts and poltergeists ... curious urban blackouts and 'black holes' in space ... antimatter and the origin(s) of life ... nucleonic particles and theories of the universe(s) ... spontaneous human combustion and cryogenics ... firestorms and iceages ... the 'Devonshire Devil' and religious miracles ... plant emotions and animal intelligence ... planet "X" and the Hollow Earth theory ... stone softening and the "ringing rocks" ... cloning and petrification ... strange appearances and "vanishing hitchhikers" ... experiments of Andrew Crosse and reincarnation ... "spooklights" and fireballs in the sky ... and on ... and on ... and on ...

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## Quotes

"As a result of all ... rules, laws, beliefs, and regulations that have been set up by Man ... about 99.99 recurring percent of existence goes unnoticed." — *Ivan T. Sanderson*

(from the epilogue to *Things*,  
Pyramid Books, N.Y. 1960)

"To raise new questions, to regard old problems from a new angle requires creative imagination and marks real advances in science." — *Albert Einstein*

"There is nothing that man fears more than the touch of the unknown. He wants to see what is reaching towards him, and to be able to recognize or at least classify it." — *Elias Canetti*

(opening lines of *Crowds and Power*,  
The Viking Press, N.Y. 1966)

"Science no longer holds any absolute truths. Even the discipline of physics, whose laws once went unchallenged, has had to submit to the indignity of an Uncertainty Principle. In this climate of disbelief, we have begun to doubt even fundamental propositions, and the old distinction between natural and supernatural has become meaningless." — *Lyall Watson*

(from the Introduction to *Supernature*, Hodder and Stoughton, Ltd. 1973, Coronet Books 1974)

"Anything capable of being believed is an image of truth." — *William Blake*

"We knew, to start with, that science and imbecility are continuous . . ." — *Charles Fort*

(from the *Books of Charles Fort*, Henry Holt & Co., N.Y. 1941)

SITU exists for the purpose of collecting data on unexplaineds, promoting proper investigation of both individual reports and general subjects, and reporting significant data to our members.

The Society studies unexplained events and "things" of a tangible nature that "orthodox" science, for one reason or another, does not or will not study.

## PUBLICATIONS

The Society publishes a quarterly journal called *Pursuit*, issued in Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. *Pursuit* contains comprehensive articles on both current and "historical" unexplaineds, and also includes book reviews and a "forum" for exchanges between members.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

SITU has reference files which include original reports, newspaper and other clippings, correspondence, audio tapes, films, photographs, drawings, and maps; and actual specimens.

The Society cannot furnish services to non-members.

The legal and financial affairs of the Society are managed by a Board of Trustees in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The Society is also counselled by a panel of prominent scientists.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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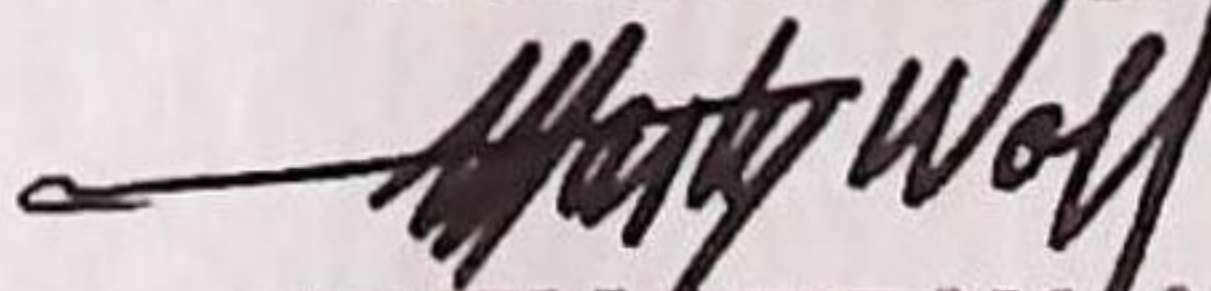
Dear Gary,

Thank you for your letter of 9 January and for submitting your article entitled "The Randazza (not a) Sea Serpent Sighting." Since it does, indeed, seem suitable for PURSUIT, I am enclosing one of our permission forms for you to sign and return to us for our records. I suspect it will appear in the Summer issue since our spring issue is already filled. Although some slight revision may be necessary for space allotments, it looks pretty good as is. If there are any major problems or revisions to be done, I'll get back to you.

In your letter you also mention a four-part series on New England sea serpents which you wrote for OF SEA AND SHORE. Although I can locate Parts 2-4, I seem to be missing the first part of the series. In any case, it is an extensive and well-written overview. Of course it is much too long for PURSUIT, but I like the idea of publishing the monthly/yearly cycle information, along with perhaps a tight condensation of pertinent facts, speculation, and narrative. The primary information would provide good reference data, and the accompanying article could provide something interesting to think about. Did you find a high overall correlation between sightings and outlets for freshwater streams? If so, this might be an interesting approach.

In any case, I would be happy to see what you come up with. At the moment, I am thinking about an article that would fill about three - four pages (depending on use of graphics, amount of data, etc.). That would entail about 4,000 words (we get about 1,000 per page), but we can play with the space later. Let me know your thoughts on the matter.

Kindest regards,

  
R. MARTIN WOLF  
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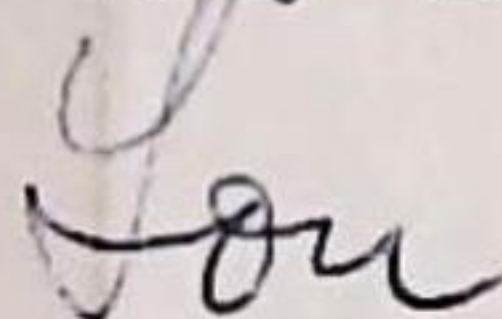
Dear Gary,

Thank you for the information about your research. Such information will be helpful in preparing an article for potential researchers.

You were surprised that I called your article "excellent"; believe me, if you saw the condition of much of the material sent to us, you would agree with me. Many contributors send brief, sketchy, handwritten notes. Others send bunches of isolated newsclippings. Others ramble on and on without ever making a point, having done no research at all!

Your "turtle" article is at the printers now, and you will receive the photograph as soon as it has been copied. Thanks again for your help.

Very truly yours,



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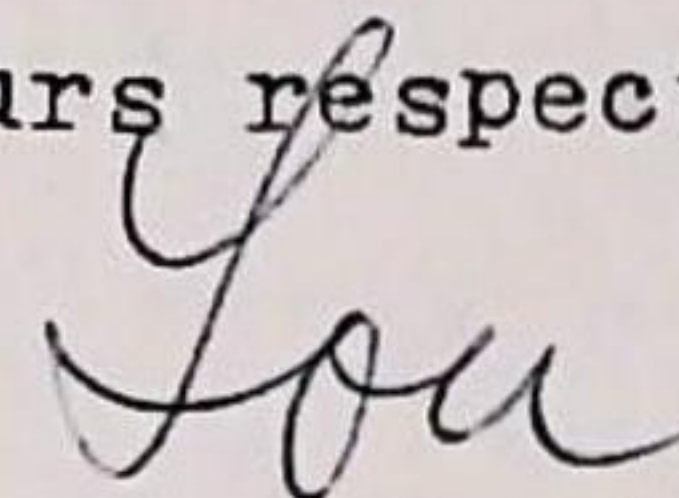
Dear Gary,

Enclosed is the typescript of your article The Entombed Turtle. I changed the title from "The Partially Entombed Turtle" because evidently the turtle was partially entombed in cement, but totally entombed between the cement and the ground! A brief background article has been written to precede yours, and this is also enclosed.

Please look this typescript over, make any minor corrections you think are necessary (hopefully none!), and send it back to me so I can shoot it off to the printers. Also, at the same time please let me have your answer to my letter of January 20th.

If you will send the typescript back to me at my home address listed below, this will speed up the process of communication. Also, let me know if you have any future articles "in the works".

Yours respectfully,



Charles L. Wiedemann

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SOCIETY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE UNEXPLAINED  
FOR THE YEAR 1975

#### ADMINISTRATION

Before the winter snows were gone a combination of events gave an early indication that the Governing Board of SITU was going to have to deal with situations that might seriously effect our future. Our president, Hans Stefan Santesson, died unexpectedly in February after a lengthy illness from which he seemed to be recovering. Then, Mrs. Sanderson departed for England to gather material for the planned biography of her late husband, and founder of SITU, Ivan T. Sanderson.

During the three months Mrs. Sanderson spent in the British Isles, R. Martin Wolf and Steve Mayne pinch-hit for her in a capacity completely new to both of them. Mrs. Sanderson's splendid effort and success in keeping the organization going during Ivan's prolonged illness and after his death took its toll on her strength for, unknown to many, she too had been subjected to long periods of medical attention then.

Shortly after returning from her overseas work she was again beset by poor health making her subsequent resignation a necessity. Unfortunately for SITU Messers Wolf and Mayne had already made commitments to help others elsewhere. Our Board was faced with the seemingly impossible task of trying to replace this single most responsible, diligent and versatile volunteer the Society has known. Adolph Heuer and Albena Zwerver kept the office work moving as best they could for the remainder of the year.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Bob Durant offered his assistance to SITU by becoming our new editor of PURSUIT. Outside pressures, however, forced Bob to resign at the end of 1975, but his contribution to our progress is noteworthy in view of his determination to gain new source material for our journal. His reporting on the work of Marjory Fish relevant to the 'Star Map' described by Betty Hill after her alleged UFO abduction was a particularly important contribution by him.

#### INVESTIGATIONS

An attempt was made to investigate reports of 'Bigfoot' sightings in neighboring Sussex County here in New Jersey. A modest allocation of SITU funds for equipment and other assistance helped several of our members with our sponsored investigation in the late summer of this year. This initial investigation showed that with proper leadership and cooperation future expeditions might expect to yield valuable information for the Society on 'Bigfoot', as well as with other activities.

#### FINANCES

We received an unexpected contribution of \$2,000.- from one member and several other important donations from equally enthusiastic supporters of SITU. These contributions were vital to our survival and helped to keep our membership fee at \$10.- for another year. Inflation is particularly difficult for a group such as ours because we get no cost-of-living adjustment to help compensate for skyrocketing printing, postal and other service rate increases. We ask only that our membership help us where ever they can.

We have a number of activities and projects that remain incomplete because we are financially unable to support them at this time. We would like to see finished the work begun by Carl Pabst on the translating and indexing of some 45,000 notes and items of the late Charles Hoy Fort. Of course, we would like to get all our files microfilmed and do a more complete evaluation of the 'Ringing Rock' and 'Bigfoot' areas.

We look forward to continued service to all persons seriously interested in investigating matters of unexplained phenomena.

Robert C. Warth

## ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 1975

## INCOME

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance carried forward . . . . .                     | \$ 3657.75 |
| Memberships (new and renewals) . . .                  | \$ 7536.00 |
| Subscriptions . . . . .                               | \$ 574.80  |
| Sale of back issues,<br>copying charges, etc. . . . . | \$ 2969.65 |
| Donations . . . . .                                   | \$ 2924.70 |

## EXPENDITURES

|                                                                                                   |            |
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| PRINTING                                                                                          |            |
| Pursuit (all 1975 issues),<br>plus other printing . . . . .                                       | \$ 6341.77 |
| Publications . . . . .                                                                            | \$ 11.81   |
| COMMUNICATIONS                                                                                    |            |
| Telephone . . . . .                                                                               | \$ 1899.12 |
| Postage (bulk and regular) . . . . .                                                              | \$ 965.86  |
| MAINTENANCE                                                                                       |            |
| Office equipment and supplies . . .                                                               | \$ 471.73  |
| Eastern copy systems agreement . . .                                                              | \$ 185.00  |
| Land and buildings, maintenance<br>and construction, maintenance<br>equipment purchases . . . . . | \$ 621.61  |
| Subscriptions . . . . .                                                                           | \$ 129.94  |
| SERVICES                                                                                          |            |
| Gas, heat, electricity . . . . .                                                                  | \$ 981.82  |
| Secretarial, part-time help . . . .                                                               | \$ 1075.02 |
| TRAVEL AND FIELD WORK                                                                             |            |
| New Jersey expedition . . . . .                                                                   | \$ 100.00  |
| Expedition equipment purchases . . .                                                              | \$ 779.86  |
| Members travel expenses . . . . .                                                                 | \$ 58.00   |
| PROMOTION                                                                                         |            |
| Publicity . . . . .                                                                               | \$ 656.98  |
| "Canteen", Board and<br>"open" meeting . . . . .                                                  | \$ 141.92  |
| LEGAL AND FINANCE                                                                                 |            |
| Legal fees . . . . .                                                                              | \$ 360.29  |
| Insurance . . . . .                                                                               | \$ 212.00  |
| Safe deposit box . . . . .                                                                        | \$ 10.50   |
| Copyright fees . . . . .                                                                          | \$ 24.00   |
| Social security and<br>employment taxes . . . . .                                                 | \$ 290.15  |
| Annual state report . . . . .                                                                     | \$ 2.00    |
| RENT (for 1975 and 1976) . . . . .                                                                | \$ 2.00    |
| BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD . . . . .                                                                 | \$ 2341.52 |

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Adolph L. Heuer, Jr., Treasurer

1 January 1976

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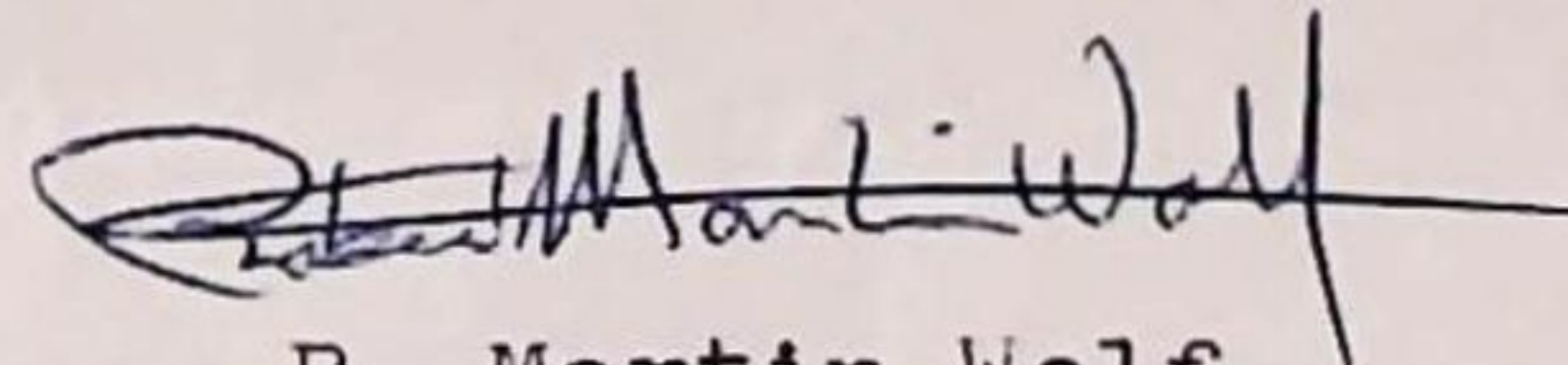
Happy Easter Sunday. I just got back from visiting in Connecticut a couple of days ago, so I have been trying to catch up with things here in the office. In the process of doing this, I have been reading through the material that you sent in some time back (you can see how backed up things have been here).

Thank you for sending the information to us. It will be sorted into our files to be available to members of The Society.

I also want to thank you for your article "Octopus Giganteus Verrill" that we printed in the Oct. 1975 issue of Pursuit. The article shows that you did a massive amount of research. We would be happy to consider printing any future articles you would care to submit. Pursuit is now catching up to the point where we can plan considerably farther ahead than we have been able to do in the past.

Thank you again for the information that you sent us and for your fine article in Pursuit.

Sincerely Yours,



R. Martin Wolf  
Vice President  
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